

REMARKS

Consideration of the present application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-30, 33-37, 39-40, 44-45 and 49 have been cancelled without prejudice to their assertion in continuation applications.

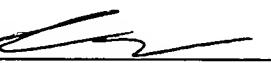
Claims 31, 38, 41 and 46-48 have been amended to more clearly define the scope of the invention presently claimed. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification and claims. For example, support for the amendment of claim 31 may be found in original claim 32, which depends from claim 31 and recites compounds in which R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen. Support for the amendment of claim 38 may be found in the specification at page 44, lines 16-18; support for the amendment of claim 41 may be found in the specification at page 38, lines 14-29; support for the amendment of claims 46 and 47 may be found in the specification at page 38, line 30 to page 40, line 3; and support for the amendment of claim 48 may be found in the specification at page 41, lines 7-16.

New claims 53-57 have been added. Support for these claims may be found, for example, in the specification at page 59 (compound 10) and in Table II (compounds 128, 129, 130, 132, 134 and 135). No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered in the instant application. If the Examiner believes that discussion of the application will be helpful, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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